



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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SEPTEMBER 19 , 2005

### Corn for Silage Advances

Maryland farmers experienced some light spotty rains, but overall conditions are still dry. Some yield losses are anticipated, but large losses are not expected. Dry and warm conditions this week resulted in **6.4 days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 18, 2005. **Corn silage** harvest increased 16 percent to 80 percent, well ahead of last year and the five-year average. Many **soybean** fields are turning color and starting to drop their leaves, well ahead of normal. **Apple** harvest continues with 66 percent harvested, 17 percent above last year and 29 percent above the five-year average.

**Pastures** are rated 8 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 42 percent fair and 30 percent good. **Hay supplies** were 7 percent very short, 13 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 18, 2005 (PERCENT)

| Item                              | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | Average 2000-2004 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>Harvesting Progress:</b>       |           |           |           |                   |
| Apples                            | 66        | 57        | 49        | 37                |
| Cucumbers                         | 95        | 91        | 90        | 92                |
| Lima Beans (processed)            | 73        | 72        | 73        | 65                |
| Potatoes                          | 96        | 87        | 95        | 99                |
| Corn for Silage                   | 80        | 64        | 70        | 58                |
| <b>Crop Progress:</b>             |           |           |           |                   |
| Corn Dent                         | 90        | 80        | 95        | 87                |
| Corn Mature                       | 61        | 43        | 68        | 60                |
| Soybeans Dropping Leaves          | 28        | 7         | 13        | 15                |
| Soybean Turning Color             | 54        | 25        | 45        | 37                |
| <b>Hay Harvested:</b>             |           |           |           |                   |
| Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup>       | 68        | 59        | 49        | 49                |
| Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting | 73        | 68        | 78        | 74                |

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 18, 2005 (PERCENT)

| Condition         | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Topsoil Moisture  | 33         | 51    | 16       | -       |
| Topsoil (2004)    | 2          | 15    | 69       | 14      |
| Five Year Average | 6          | 21    | 59       | 14      |
| Subsoil Moisture  | 22         | 45    | 33       | -       |
| Subsoil (2004)    | 3          | 7     | 80       | 10      |
| Five Year Average | 11         | 18    | 61       | 10      |

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 18, 2005

|                                  | Precipitation         |                         |  | Temperatures |     |         |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|-----|---------|-----------------------------|
| Weather Station                  | Total<br>this<br>week | Total<br>Since<br>Jan 1 | Departure<br>from<br>Normal<br>Since Jan 1 | High         | Low | Average | Departure<br>from<br>Normal |
| Maryland                         |                       |                         |  |              |     |         |                             |
| Baltimore/Washington Airport     | 0.55                  | 33.96                   | 4.19                                       | 90           | 57  | 76      | 8                           |
| Easton                           | 0.41                  | 31.93                   | -0.46                                      | 89           | 57  | 76      | 6                           |
| Frederick                        | 0.02                  | 28.26                   | -0.24                                      | 92           | 56  | 76      | 12                          |
| Frostburg                        | 0.00                  | 27.72                   | -7.24                                      | 86           | 51  | 70      | 9                           |
| Hagerstown                       | 0.00                  | 21.61                   | -6.34                                      | 89           | 57  | 75      | 9                           |
| Mechanicsville                   | 0.00                  | 29.46                   | -3.53                                      | 86           | 55  | 73      | 5                           |
| Patuxent River                   | 0.16                  | 30.07                   | -0.82                                      | 88           | 56  | 77      | 9                           |
| Ocean City                       | 0.06                  | 31.32                   | -2.14                                      | 86           | 52  | 75      | 6                           |
| Salisbury                        | 0.24                  | 33.64                   | -0.11                                      | 91           | 45  | 75      | 6                           |
| Sharpsburg                       | 0.15                  | 25.70                   | -2.80                                      | 91           | 53  | 73      | 10                          |
| Washington, DC (Reagan National) | 0.01                  | 29.21                   | 1.09                                       | 90           | 62  | 79      | 8                           |
| Delaware                         |                       |                         |  |              |     |         |                             |
| Dover                            | 0.00                  | 35.25                   | 2.70                                       | 88           | 59  | 76      | 7                           |
| Georgetown                       | 0.21                  | 30.49                   | -2.19                                      | 92           | 54  | 77      | 10                          |
| Wilmington                       | 0.24                  | 25.88                   | -4.01                                      | 90           | 59  | 77      | 9                           |

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.

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